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SUBJECT: ANNUAL POLICY ASSESSMENTS;

BEIRUT POUCH BAGHDAD ALSO FOR ACTION

FOR AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE FROM ATHERTON

1. I APPRECIATE YOUR POSITIVE RESPONSES TO
MY SEPTEMBER

9, 1974 LETTER REGARDING OUR BUREAU-WIDE POLICY ASSESSMENT
EFFORT, AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE RECEIPT OF YOUR ASSESSMENTS
BY MARCH 31.

2. A MAJOR AIM OF THIS ENDEAVOR IS TO PROVIDE US AND
PERTINENT OTHER AGENCIES SHARPER POLICY FOCUS AND A BETTER
SENSE OF PRIORITIES REGARDING ALLOCATIONS OF PERSONNEL AND
PROGRAM RESOURCES. THUS, I REGARD THE ASSESSMENT EFFORT AS
IMPORTANT FROM STANDPOINT OF BOTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT.

3. TO THE EXTENT WE USE THIS TOOL WELL, WE SHOULD BE ABLE
(A) TO MEET SOME HIGH PRIORITY RESOURCE NEEDS FROM WITHIN
THE BUREAU MORE EXPEDITOUSLY, AND (B) TO STRENGTHEN OUR

CASE FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. IN AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF
SHIFTING POLICY PRIORITIES AND DIMINISHING RESOURCES, WE HAVE
NO CHOICE BUT TO BE ON THE ALERT FOR SENSIBLE REPROGRAMMING
OPPORTUNITIES.

4. THE STANDARD FORMAT FOR ANNUAL POLICY ASSESSMENTS
(FAM 212.4 AND ITS TRANSMITTAL LETTER, POL-27, DECEMBER 28,
1973) SHOULD, WITH MINOR VARIATIONS, SERVE OUR NEEDS.

A. YOUR ASSESSMENT SHOULD COMMENCE WITH AN IDENTIFICATION OF
U.S. INTERESTS, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES PER FAM 212.4.C(1).

B. ON THE SPECIFIC STAFFING AND FUNDING PROJECTIONS SOUGHT IN
212.4.B(5), PLEASE PROJECT THESE REQUIREMENTS OVER THE NEXT
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THREE FISCAL YEARS, FY 76, 77 (15 MONTHS), AND 78. IF YOU HAVE
ALREADY SUPPLIED PERSONNEL PROJECTIONS, PLEASE RECAPITULATE IN
YOUR ASSESSMENT.

C. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO REVIEW PERSONALLY AND COMMENT ON NOT
ONLY STATE'S BUT ALSO ALL OTHER USG AGENCIES' PERSONNEL AND
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, PRESENT AND FUTURE. WE NEED TO IDENTIFY,
FOR EXAMPLE, ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT TO U.S.

INTERESTS IN THE PAST BUT WHICH MAY HAVE TO BE REGARDED NOW OR
IN NEAR FUTURE AS MARGINAL IN RELATION TO OVERALL PRIORITY
RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS.

5. AM AWARE THIS REQUIREMENT CONSTITUTES SUBSTANTIAL BURDEN
FOR MOST OF YOU, BUT I BELIEVE ITS IMPORTANCE JUSTIFIES YOUR
PERSONAL ATTENTION. IF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES ARE OR BECOME SUCH
THAT YOU REQUIRE MORE TIME BEYOND MARCH DUE-DATE, PLEASE
LET ME KNOW.
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